GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Import of Edible Oil
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of edible oils imported and foreign exchange spent thereon during the last three years along with the reasons therefor;
(b) whether the Government has constituted any special committee to suggest measures to curtail imports and ensuring domestic availability, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
(c) whether the Government has any plan to create a mission for increasing the domestic production of edible oil so as to meet domestic requirement; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a): The domestic production of edible oils is insufficient to meet the domestic demand .The shortfall is met through imports. As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCIS), the quantum of edible oils imported and foreign exchange spent thereon during last three years are as follows:-

Year	Quantity of Edib in lakh tones	Amount(Millio USD)
2012-13	110.17	11265.12
2013-14	104.68	9390.00
2014-15	127.31	10621.48

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(b): No, Madam
(c) & (d): In order to increase production of oilseeds and hence edible oil, a National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) is being implemented in country since year-2014-15. The Mission envisages increase in production of vegetable oils sourced from oilseeds, oil palm and Tree Born Oils (TBO's). NMOOP comprise of three Mini-Mission (MM) viz MM-I (Oilseeds), MM-II (Oil Palm) and MM-III (TBOs). Under the mission, assistance are being provided to farmers for various components/interventions.
The major interventions/ components under the three missions are given below:-
(i) Mini Mission-I; Distribution of certified seeds, variety specific targeted seed production, distribution of minikits, plant protection equipments/chemicals, supply of improved farm implements, distribution of sprinkler sets, block demonstration. Training etc.
(ii) Mini Mission-II: Supply of oil palm planting material, maintenance cost of plantations during gestation period, installation of drip irrigation, diesel/electric pump set, bore well/water harvesting structure/ponds of oil palm farm, supply of input for inter-cropping in oil palm, construction of vermin-compost units and purchase of machinery & tools etc.
(iii) Mini Mission-III: Integrated development of nurseries & plantation on new wasteland as well as existing wasteland/degraded forest land, maintenance of TBO's plantation till gestation period, support for inter cropping, R&D, distribution of pre-processing, processing and oil extraction equipments, Support to TRIFED for promotion of seed collections ,training etc.
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